

YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO PC308 - POLICY ENFORCEMENT SURVEY

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The purpose of this survey is to learn more about various aspects of enforcement of tobacco control policies and ordinances in your jurisdiction during the last year. We are specifically interested in your efforts to enforce ordinances that focus on reducing youth access to tobacco. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey, since this information cannot be obtained from other data sources. If you think someone else in your agency would be more appropriate to complete the survey, please give it to him or her.

This survey is part of a statewide evaluation of the California Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Program. This evaluation is being conducted collaboratively by the Gallup Organization, Stanford University, and the University of Southern California.

*Please complete by **January 31, 2000** and return to Stanford University in the enclosed postage paid envelope.*

If you have any questions, please call Harry Haladjian at (650) 725-9827, or write us at Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention, 1000 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304-1825, or fax us at (650) 725-6906.

Thank you!

ID Label

Please check one:

☐ The information on this label is correct.

OR

☐ Correct address information is filled in below.

If you are completing this survey and are not the person listed on the label above, please write your name and position below.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Is there more than one municipality and/or unincorporated area under your jurisdiction?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list: _____

1. In your community, how serious of a problem is it that kids can get tobacco products? *Please circle one answer only.*

- 1) Very serious
- 2) Serious
- 3) Somewhat serious
- 4) Not at all serious
- 5) Don't know

2. a) Compared to other policies your agency enforces, how important is the enforcement of policies that keep retailers from selling cigarettes or chewing tobacco to kids?

Not important at all

Very important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- b) Compared to other policies your agency enforces, how important is the enforcement of policies that keep kids from buying cigarettes or chewing tobacco?

Not important at all

Very important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- c) Compared to other policies your agency enforces, how important is the enforcement of policies that keep kids from possessing cigarettes or chewing tobacco?

Not important at all

Very important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

3. Please estimate how well tobacco retailers in your jurisdiction comply with policies to keep kids from buying cigarettes or chewing tobacco.

Not at all well

Very well

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4. In the past year, how often has your agency conducted any of the following types of enforcement activities related to Penal Code §308? *If you are unsure about a certain activity, please circle DK.*

Note: **PC §308(a)** states that it is illegal to knowingly sell or give tobacco to someone under 18 years of age, and **PC §308(b)** states it is illegal for someone under 18 years of age to buy or possess tobacco.

Has your agency:

NO

YES

	Never	Rarely Very Often							
a. issued warnings to minors attempting to purchase tobacco products	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
b. issued warnings to merchants selling tobacco products to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
c. issued citations to minors for illegal possession or purchase of tobacco products	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
d. issued citations to merchants for illegal sales of tobacco products to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
e. issued warnings or citations to individuals (other than merchants) for giving tobacco products to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	

5. a) During the past 12 months, how many sting operations did your agency conduct to enforce PC §308(a) (illegal tobacco sales by merchants)?
- _____ # of sting operations conducted
- b) What was the result of your most recent tobacco sting operation?
- _____ # of successful buys out of _____ # of attempts
6. What is the estimated percent of tobacco outlets visited in your jurisdiction? _____ %
7. How do you choose the stores visited in a sting operation? *Circle all that apply.*
- 1) Respond to complaints
 - 2) Select at random
 - 3) Visit all stores in jurisdiction
 - 4) Other (please specify: _____)
8. During the past 12 months, how many citations has your agency issued to minors for possession of tobacco products (PC §308(b))?
- _____ # of citations
9. Where do you think youth under age 18 get most of the cigarettes that they smoke? *Please circle one answer only.*
- 1) They buy their own cigarettes from a store
 - 2) Someone buys cigarettes for them
 - 3) Someone gives them cigarettes
 - 4) They take cigarettes from a store without permission
 - 5) They take cigarettes from their home without permission
 - 6) Other _____
10. Suppose that someone under age 18 went to 10 stores in your community that sell cigarettes or chewing tobacco. How many of those 10 stores do you think would sell cigarettes or chewing tobacco to the youth?
- _____ stores would sell (out of 10)
11. To what extent is each of the following a barrier to enforcement of youth tobacco access policies in your community?

community:

	Not at all a barrier					A large barrier	
a. No money in our budget	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. Limited staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. Issues around working with juveniles (e.g., safety, parental consent)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. Problem getting youth volunteers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. District Attorney will not prosecute	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f. Not a priority in our community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g. Lack of support from community leaders	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h. Other (Describe: _____)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12. How often has your agency worked with any of the following individuals or groups on enforcing policies to reduce youth access to tobacco during the past year:

	Never				Very Often			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
a. County health department (e.g., local tobacco control programs)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
b. Local government officials (e.g., city council, code enforcement, District Attorney)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
c. Voluntary health organizations (e.g., American Cancer Society)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
d. Educational organizations (e.g., local schools)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
e. Merchant & business organizations (e.g., Chamber of Commerce)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
f. Tobacco prevention coalitions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
g. Other (Describe: _____)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

13. Please rate how effective you think the following enforcement policies or procedures are, or would be, in reducing youth access to tobacco? *Circle DK if you are unsure about the effectiveness of a certain policy or procedure.*

	Not at all effective				Very effective				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
a. Tobacco stings (undercover tobacco purchase surveys)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
b. Merchant education regarding illegal sale of tobacco products to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
c. Tobacco merchant licensing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
d. <u>Civil</u> penalties for <u>store owners</u> caught illegally selling tobacco to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
e. <u>Criminal</u> penalties for <u>store owners</u> caught illegally selling tobacco to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
f. Civil or criminal penalties for <u>store clerks</u> caught illegally selling tobacco to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
g. Suspension or revocation of a tobacco license for stores repeatedly selling tobacco to minors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	
h. Fines for minors in possession of tobacco products	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	DK	

Thank you for completing this survey!